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### **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

In the specification, page 3, please replace the paragraph beginning on line 21, as follows:

This objective is achieved with respect to the apparatus by a chip-carrier-late exchange mechanism ~~with the characteristics given in claim 1 and in its methodological aspect by an operating procedure with the characteristics given in Claim 8~~” of the present invention.